



Solicitation Number: RFP 386-05-016

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**Subject: Sri Lanka Tsunami Reconstruction Program
RFP No. 386-05-016**

Potential Offerors:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking proposals from qualified organizations interested in providing the services to implement the program as fully described in the attached solicitation.

This is a full and open competition, under which any type of organization (large or small commercial [for profit] firms and non-profit organizations) is eligible to compete. This is an international tender and is NOT restricted to only U.S. firms and organizations. The procedures set forth in Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Part 15 shall apply.

The selected prime Contractor will provide various types of technical assistance – project/construction management services, and consultancy for assessments of coastal management planning, and development of vocational education curricula. For the actual construction work cited in the solicitation the selected prime Contractor will place and manage (fixed price) subcontracts (“Job Orders”). The prime Contractor will have to develop the final specifications, prepare and issue the tender packages and evaluate the bids. The selected prime Contractor nor any companies owned or controlled by it may bid on the construction work they put out for tender.

USAID plans to award a cost reimbursement, completion-type contract with a total estimated cost in the range of \$32 million to \$35 million covering a 31 month period, subject to availability of funds. Revealing the cost range for the contract does not mean that offerors should necessarily strive to meet the maximum amount. The offeror must propose costs that it believes are realistic and reasonable for the work. Cost proposals shall be evaluated as part of a best value determination for contract award.

USAID anticipates one award under this solicitation. Please note that the U.S. Government may award this contract without discussions and as such initial proposals should represent the best possible and most competitive terms available.

The closing date and time, as well as other aspects of the RFP, may be amended. Any amendments to this solicitation will be issued and posted on the website along with the

RFP. Offerors are encouraged to check the FedBizOpps website (<http://FedBizOpps.gov>) periodically.

Interested vendor list is included in this solicitation. Also the Interested Vendor List (IVL) menu on the FedbizOpps page is activated and enabled for offerors to register and view the list. Offeror can register and use the IVL, so that firms can contact one another for consideration of teaming arrangements and subcontracting opportunities in response to this solicitation.

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Submission

If your organization decides to submit a proposal in response to this solicitation, it must be submitted in accordance with Section L of the RFP at the designated place and time indicated in Block 9 of the RFP cover page (Standard Form 33). Please note that the designated office or Government installation for receipt of proposals is not the USAID/Washington mailroom or any other office of the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Any proposal not received in the designated office listed below by the closing date and time will be handled in accordance with FAR 52.215-1. Proposals, and modifications thereto, shall be submitted in sealed envelopes with the name and address of the offeror and the RFP number inscribed thereon to:

DESIGNATED OFFICE:

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID/Sri Lanka)
Regional Contracting Officer
44 Galle Road
Colombo 3
Sri Lanka

Attn: Mr. Marcus A. Johnson, Jr.

Proposals may be sent by international air courier or delivered by hand to the above address.

Please be advised that in the past some firms have experienced delays with international air courier services. Because the provision at FAR 52.215-1 does not cover such delays, proposals received after the closing date and time will be processed as late. Also, if you utilize the services of an independent agent in Colombo to deliver your proposal, please be certain that s/he understands additional time may be needed to allow for security review of any packages and that the closing date and time are firm.

Please note that the Department of State address for US mail is via diplomatic pouch and may take up to three weeks for delivery to USAID in Sri Lanka. USAID and the State

Department accept no liability for late delivery, or non-delivery, attributable to the diplomatic pouch. Offerors should plan accordingly and are advised not to send their proposal via diplomatic pouch.

Offerors should submit technical and cost-related questions concerning this RFP to the undersigned Contracting Officer as indicated below, no later than the specified closing date and time.

Please pay careful attention to, and complete in full, RFP Section K - Representations, Certifications and Acknowledgements. Offerors should carefully consider Section L - Instructions to Offerors and Section M - Evaluation Factors for Award. Sections B through I of the solicitation will become the contract with blanks completed by the Contracting Officer. The proposal shall be prepared in two separate parts: the Technical Proposal shall address technical aspects only while the Cost Proposal shall present the costs and address related issues such as responsibility. Offerors shall submit an original and five (5) copies of their Technical Proposal in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked as being in response to this RFP. Offerors shall submit an original and one (1) copy of their Cost Proposal separately in a sealed envelope indicating that it is in response to this RFP and contains cost information, along with a 3.5" diskette(s) or CD(s) containing one complete copy of the entire proposals compatible in a MS Windows environment. Proposals must be signed by an official who is authorized to bind the organization.

Questions

Potential offerors may submit questions in writing, either by fax or email (Email preferred) to Mr. Marcus A. Johnson, Jr., Regional Contracting Officer, at marcusjohnson@usaid.gov. The deadline for receipt of questions or requests for clarifications is no later than 1700 hours local time, June 20, 2005. Oral instructions or explanations given before the award of the contract resulting from this solicitation shall not be binding. Please do not contact USAID/Sri Lanka directly, since all communication must be through the Contracting Officer.

Issuance of this solicitation does not in any way obligate the U.S. Government to award a contract nor does it commit the U.S. Government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely,

Marcus A. Johnson, Jr.
Regional Contracting Officer
USAID/India, Sri Lanka & Maldives